

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

Just a few months ago I started having car troubles. I was far from home and my car completely broke down. I couldn't restart it at all. I wasn't in an area that I could use a pay phone. I was very thankful that I had a cell phone and was able to call for help. If it cost me more for my cell phone, I wouldn't be able to afford it. I have a prepaid phone right now so that I don't have to pay monthly costs, but this would also raise the price of what my prepaid minutes costs. I am a student and am having enough trouble finding ways to pay for everything as it is. I can't afford anything more.

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience not as a regular telephone. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee. It would be unfair to those of us who would be charged more than our share. It would as well cause many to stop having cell phones which would take away the security and safety that cell phones bring to drivers. I personally feel safer having my cell phone when I am walking to and from my car when I'm at college late. Do not force those of us who use our cell phones merely for safety and security to get rid of them so that big businesses can make more money by not paying as much for phone calls. They make enough as it is. Allow those of us, such as students, to only pay for the services we use and not those used by big businesses that can more than afford their own services.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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